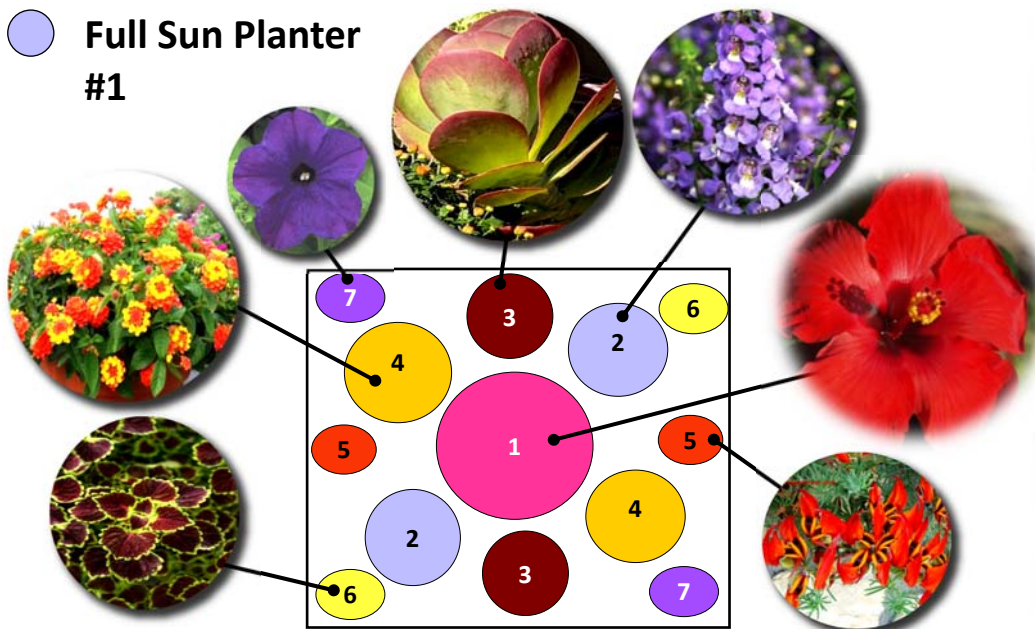
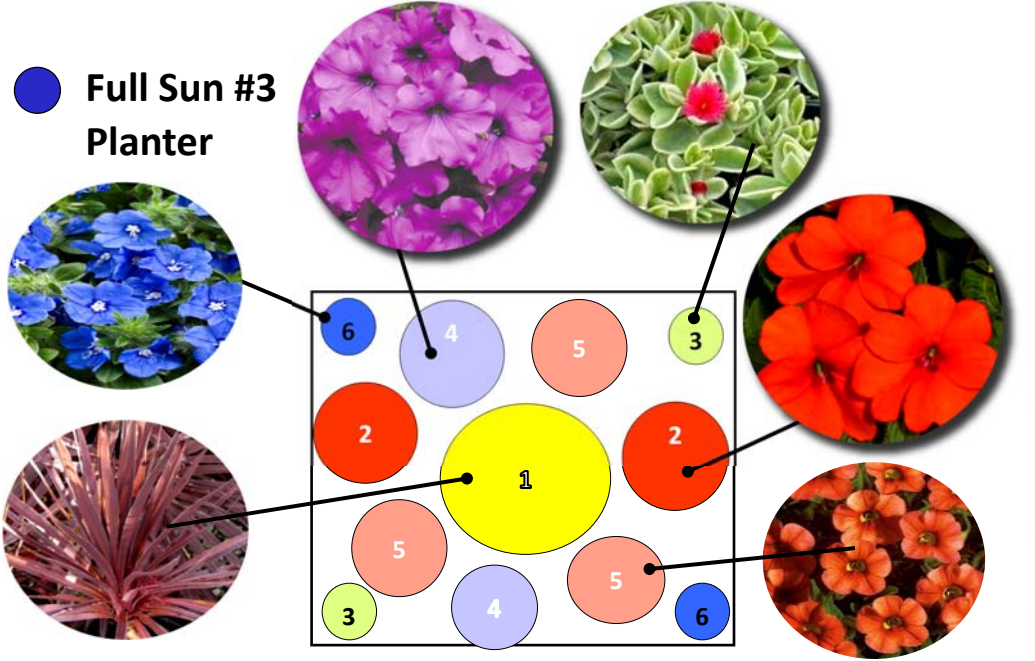


**Full Sun Planter #1**



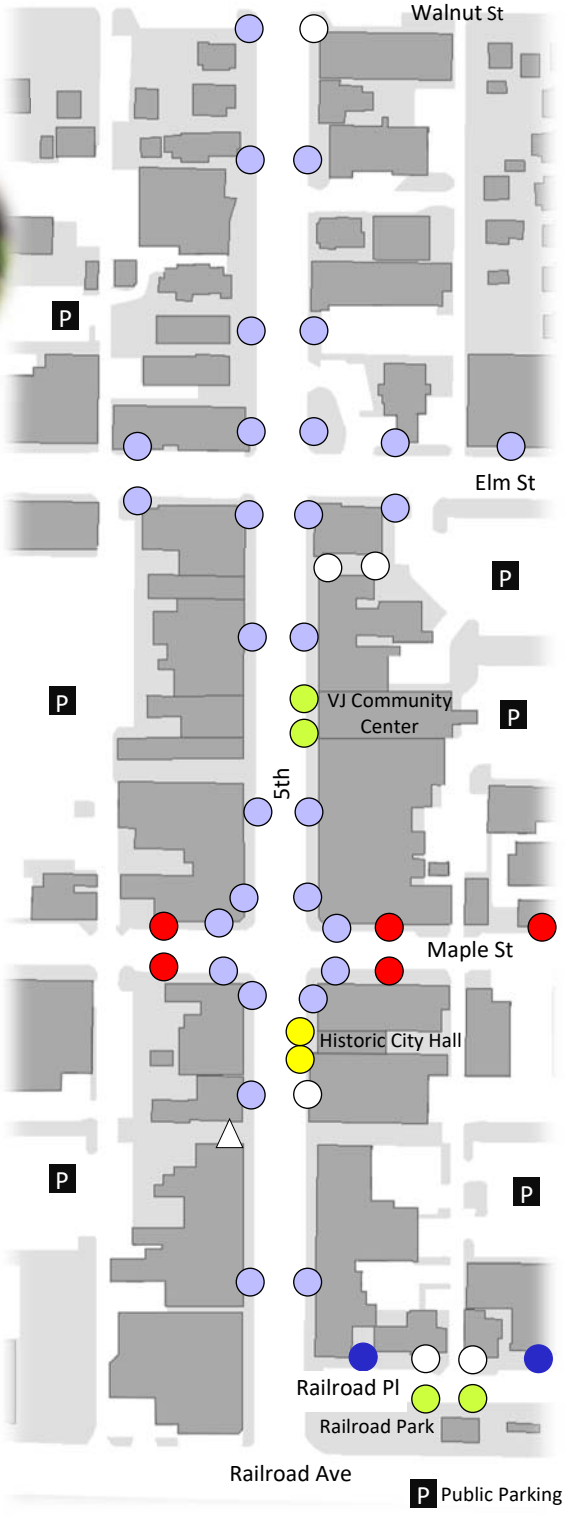
1. Hibiscus Tradeswind 'Brilliant Red', Tahiti, Mandarin
2. Angelonia Serena 'Blue'
3. Kalanchoe 'Flapjack'
4. Lantana Landmark 'Citrus'
5. Lotus Parrot's Beak 'Amazon Sunset'
6. Coleus 'Burgundy Wedding Train'
7. Petunia Dreams 'Midnight Blue' or 'Pink'

**Full Sun #3 Planter**

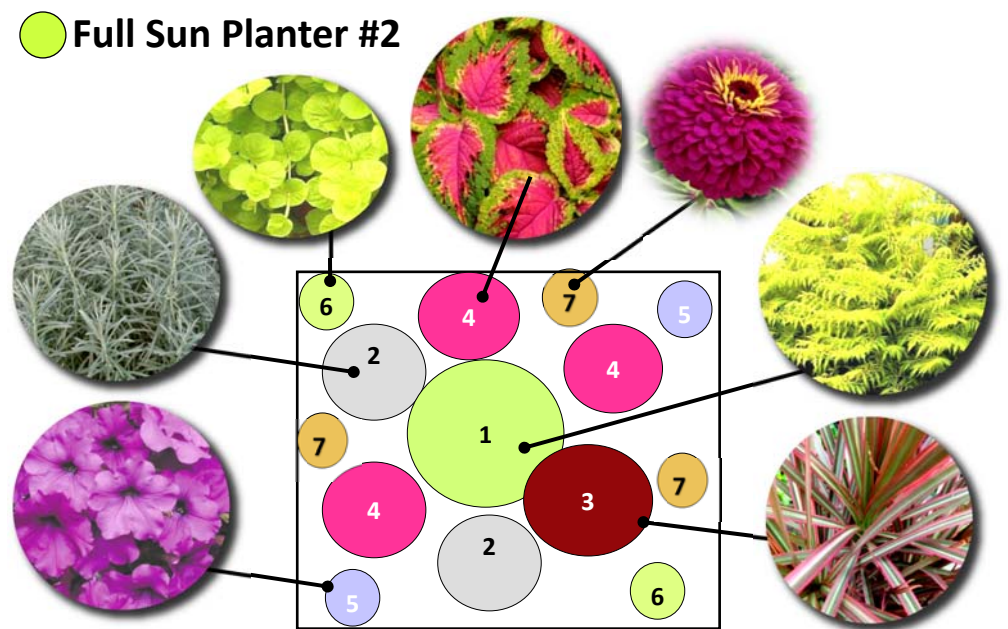


1. Coryline 'Red Star'
2. SunPatien 'Electric Orange'
3. Dorotheanthus 'Mezoo'
4. Petunia Easy Wave 'Violet'
5. Calibrachoa Cabaret 'Orange'
6. Evolulus 'Blue My Mine'

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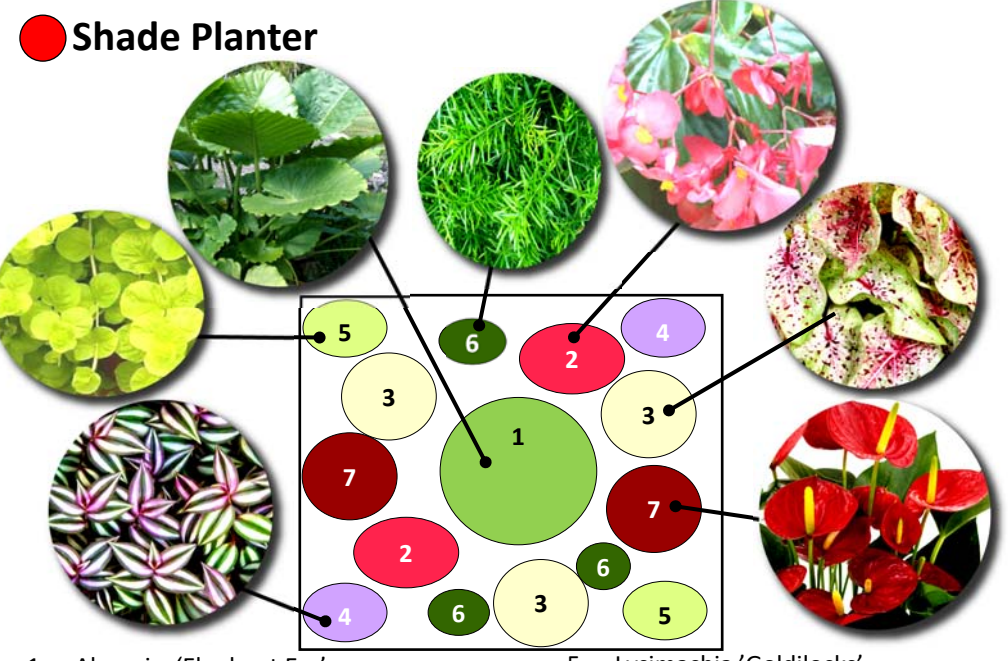


**Full Sun Planter #2**



1. Sumac 'Tiger Eye'
2. Helichrysum Thianschanicum 'Icicles'
3. Dracaena Marginata 'Variegated'
4. Coleus 'Watermelon'
5. Petunia Easy Wave 'Violet'
6. Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'
7. Zinnia 'Uproar Rose'

**Shade Planter**



1. Alocasia 'Elephant Ear'
2. Begonia Dragon Wing 'Pink'
3. Caladium
4. Tradescantia 'Wandering Jew' Tricolor
5. Lysimachia 'Goldilocks'
6. Asparagus Densiflorus 'Sprengeri'
7. Anthurium 'Red'



The Parks Maintenance Division within the WDM Public Services Department provides services related to the land and facilities that make up the West Des Moines park system. The Horticulture staff is within the Parks Maintenance Division and performs grounds maintenance, and all horticultural related activities in the Valley Junction business district, City parks, at City facilities, and at Jordan Cemetery.



Staff Horticulturalist, Dee Ann Fredericks, works under the limited direction of the Urban Forestry Supervisor. She enthusiastically coordinates the duties of several seasonal staff from early spring to late in the fall.

**Horticulture**

Dee Ann has overseen many enhancements to Valley Junction since 1999; the addition of 51 permanent flower planters in the Valley Junction area along with a rooftop and rain garden. Establishing and maintaining all vegetation including the 4 pedestrian walkways and all perennial beds in Railroad Park are part of Dee Ann’s responsibilities. Each winter Dee Ann researches the latest annual and perennial plant options and then designs the perfect arrangement for each planter. In 2019 the horticulture staff will be establishing 950 annuals in VJ’s 44 galvanized planters and 2,182 annuals elsewhere in the District including the Human Services building, Legion Park, Railroad Park, Polk Co. Seniors Center, walkway beds and several other planters. Over 70 plant varieties/series will be utilized this summer. Long before she has digested the bitter pill of summer’s end, Dee Ann has spent many hours planning the transformation of Valley Junction into a Winter Wonderland!



The highly anticipated makeover occurs a week or so prior to Thanksgiving. Dee Ann and her staff decorate all of the District’s planters with seasonal greenery and festive accessories including metal artwork from the Village Blacksmith Shop.

Presently, the City’s horticulture staff maintain landscapes at 21 of the 30 parks, 13 facilities, 2 aquatic centers, Jordan Creek Cemetery, 4 greenways and of course, the Valley Junction Historic district. **The Landscapes total 122,583 sq. ft. (just shy of 3 acres), and are passionately cared for by Dee Ann and her crew.**

A passionate Master Gardener for 32 years, Dee Ann grew up in a family of farmers and gardeners. Much of her expertise has been gained through hands in the dirt experience.

Dee Ann continues to search for the perfect combination of plants but knows that just when she thinks she’s come up with it, there’s one more remarkable creation waiting to be designed. Once again in 2019 enjoy the fruits of Dee Ann’s creativity and the hard work she and her staff put into all aspects of the plantings.

Passiflora ‘Passion Vine’



**Tips for Designing Annual Planters**

Creative and dramatic mixed combinations of both foliage and flowers have regained popularity. When selecting plant materials, be sure to select plants that require similar growing conditions yet have different growth habits and bloom times. Do not overlook the importance of foliage in containers to add texture, color, fragrance and structure to your pots. Mix it up, consider combining annuals, perennials, small trees and shrubs, evergreens, vines and tropical plants. Create a combination of plants that includes *Thrillers, Fillers and Spillers*. Stand back and see if the final combination includes height, drama, fragrance (from foliage), color, texture and color echoing.



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Summer 2019